

Brightening Prospects.

Ever since the discovery of rich and extensive placer diggings in the country drained by Peace River, or, perhaps, it would be more correct to say, ever since the richness and extent of these diggings have become ascertained fact, there has been discernible a more buoyant and healthy tone pervading every branch of trade and industry. The ephemeral character of some of the new gold fields led the judgment of the people generally to receive with caution—almost regard with suspicion, the earlier reports of rich discoveries in the North; and it was only when the most skeptical could no longer resist the evidence of their senses that doubt finally gave place to settled and well grounded faith. The country doubts no longer, and, like Thomas, its faith is all the stronger for its long and persistent doubting. We are glad to perceive that the influx of population destined to Omineca promises to be gradual in its flow and moderate in its dimensions. Not that we think there is reason to fear that all would not find room; but because a large and sudden rush to a locality so remote and, for the present, so inaccessible of approach might overtax the ability of the Colony to supply, thereby entailing a twofold evil—privation and suffering to the miners; and the necessity for feeding them with foreign productions. These are difficulties, however, only of the moment. It is known that the Government is now engaged in opening two doors to Omineca, evidence at once of confidence and energy, or, as the theologian would express it, faith and works. Of these two doors, we are disposed to regard the one which opens into the heart of the Colony as by far the most desirable; and we are glad to know that reports from both appear to justify the belief that it will also be the most popular. The facilities now being established for placing men and supplies at Queenstown entitle us to regard that point and Skeenamouth as bearing about equal relations to Victoria and to Omineca. This proposition granted, it will readily appear that, with the great bulk of the food supplies raised on the East of the Cascade Range, and with a choice of land and water communication from Queenstown to Omineca, that route must assert its unquestionable superiority, alike for convenience, safety and the greater benefit it will confer upon the country at large. That food supplies sent in by way of Skeenamouth, for the most part, be foreign productions will readily appear. That those sent in via Queenstown will be wholly home or domestic may be regarded as equally certain. That the development of the rich gold-fields of the North will greatly more redound to colonial well-being if the miners be fed from our own soil than could be the case if they consume foreign produce goes without saying. We will go farther and say, as we have ever said, that the development of the gold mines of the Colony under circumstances which leave the miners to subsist upon foreign productions is a questionable good, if, indeed, it be not a positive evil. There are thousands upon thousands of produce on the Eastern side of the Cascade Range, awaiting a market; and, hence, it is of the utmost consequence that the greatest energy should be displayed in opening up an avenue through which that produce can reach Omineca. Its importance because the miners in Omineca will need the produce, it is equally important because the farmers need the money. While justly complimenting the Executive upon the alacrity with which preliminary steps have been taken, we must earnestly but respectfully urge the duty of pushing the important work through to completion in the same spirit in which it has been begun. The people are now arriving in fifties and in hundreds; and we learn that California has scarcely begun to move. Let them come gradually and they will not go away ruefully. Let them take whichever route to Omineca they like, they will be certain to find good ground to work, and if not in too great a hurry, they will find the market well supplied at reasonable rates. If they adopt the old established route through the centre of the Colony, they will probably run less risk and will have a greater choice of location and of employment.

Correction.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST:—The statement published a few days ago that the schooner Greyhound went on the beach to be captured was wrong. She tried to leave the harbor without a Pilot and went on the beach. Yours, A. PILOT.

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE

DURING MY TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony, Mr W Owens will hold my power of attorney. C. W. HOWITT, Victoria, April 12 1871.

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DURING MY TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony Mr THOMAS TIBBOLD is authorized to collect monies and transact other business on my account. LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Auctioneer. April 12, 1871. apl3

JUST RECEIVED

RAILWAY MACKEREL, Nos 1 and 2 Raisins—In full, half and quarter boxes Boker's Bitters, Clear Lake Cheese, Scotch Oatmeal in 25, 25, 14 and 7 lb tins, For sale by

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125 Southdown Ewes with their Lambs Horses

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WASHING MACHINE Will do the heaviest Washing in ONE HOUR with 12.50 HOURS' LABOR! A machine will be at work from 1 to 4 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the Magic Soap Works, Humboldt street. The public are invited apl21

R P WHEAR,

MERCHANT TAILOR & OUTFITTER, FORT STREET NEAR BROAD, IS SELLING OFF AT COST PRICE. (It will be to the Public's advantage to give him a call. Persons indebted to Mr Whear will please pay their respective accounts at the store. apl25m

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Wharf St, Victoria, B. C. April 11, 1871. apl2

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ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS on the estate of the late John Gordon McKay are requested by the Executors to send in the same within fourteen days from this date to Mr T. C. NUTTALL, Government street, Victoria, B. C. 6th April, 1871. apl2w

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Thursday Morning, April 13, 1871.
Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
ENTERED.
April 12—Schr. Shooting Star, Nickerson, Port Town-
send.
CLEARED.
April 12—Schr. Matilda, Wharton, Burrard Inlet.
April 12—Schr. Harrison, Harrison, Astoria and San Francisco.
NEWS! NEWS!
The "British Colonist" is the only newspaper published at Victoria that receives the latest telegraphic dispatches. Having, consequently, the largest circulation, its value as an Advertising Medium is apparent.
Audacious Burglary.—The Boldest Yet.
Since the robbery of \$30,000 in gold and notes from McDonald's Bank in 1864 down to Tuesday night the city has been singularly free from burglaries of a clever character—we mean burglaries that require 'genius' to plan and talent to execute successfully. But night before last

BOSS'S GROCERY STORE
On Government street was the scene of a most audacious case of housebreaking. Patrick's brick building stands on the corner of Government and Johnson streets. The building is divided into two stores and two rooms. The corner is occupied by Stafford & Hickin; an apartment in the rear, fronting on Johnston street, is held by J. W. Williams as a storeroom for feed; while Boss's store faces on Government street and runs the full length of the building. Entrance to Williams' storeroom was effected by removing

A PIECE OF ZINC
which served in place of a pane of glass in the sash of a large door. A seven-foot partition was then scaled and the catch of a door leading to a passage-way removed. In the passage-way the robbers stood confronted by a double partition dividing Boss's store from the rest of the building, and by the rear door of Boss's store, which was double-locked and locked on the inside. With some sharp instrument they proceeded to cut three holes through the partition—one opposite the upper bolt, another opposite the lock and a third opposite the lower bolt. When the holes were made sufficiently large to admit of an arm being passed through them the bolts were pulled back, the catch of the lock uncreased and—

THE THING WAS ACCOMPLISHED.
In the money drawer of the grocery-counter was a cigar box, containing \$130 in silver. In the till of the bar there were \$10 or \$12 in silver. The burglars, who appear to have scented the larger game, passed the bar, proceeded to the counter, and stole the

CIGAR BOX AND CONTENTS.
Whether anything else was abstracted is not known. In passing out the robbers went as they came with the exception that they opened the door of Williams' storeroom and walked out like gentlemen, in place of crawling through the broken sash like thieves. The robbery was planned by some one who knows the ins and outs of the establishment pretty well, and who has been a frequent visitor.

THE CONFEDERATION DEBATE.—In the Canadian House of Commons, on the 20th, Sir A. T. Galt suggested that the Government should make arrangements for having a special official report taken from the debate on the admission of British Columbia. On the 23rd Sir George B. Cartier said the government had considered the suggestion, but had come to the conclusion that the usual press reports would be sufficient. Sir A. T. Galt said he was sorry that the government had arrived at that conclusion, for the debates would be particularly interesting to British Columbia, and would not reach there in a full form as they would otherwise have done had his suggestion been adopted. He trusted that the energy displayed by the reporters would not on this occasion supplement the necessity that would exist for full reports.

THE ODD FELLOWS.—Victoria Lodge has a membership of 150, property valued at \$8,026, and 865 volumes in its library. Columbia Lodge has a membership of 74 and \$2,893 worth of property. New Westminster Lodge [just organized] has a membership of 30. The British Columbia Lodges recognize the jurisdiction of California, and Mr. J. S. Drummond, D.D.G.M., has been wisely selected by a majority of the Order in the colony to represent them in the Grand Communication at Sacramento on the 9th of next month. The Communication will comprise 602 representatives. There are 13,602 Odd Fellows included within the jurisdiction of California. So soon as two more Lodges shall have been organized in this colony the five Lodges will be at liberty to form a Grand Lodge of their own.

PASSENGERS PER PACIFIC.—The steamship Pacific will sail for San Francisco via Portland at 7 o'clock this morning. The following passengers were booked yesterday:—Lumley Franklin, Mrs. P. McQuade, J. Bissett, wife and six children, J. Handstreet, Miss H. Murphy, J. Crossen, S. H. Devore, O. Horth, S. Tooley and wife, Rev. G. W. Sloan, F. W. James, J. Frankenthan, J. L. Jungerman, O. Williams, J. Houghton, J. G. Anderson, C. A. Bacon, Mrs. A. Wilson and 2 children, F. Ousein, Tim Young, Mrs. E. Spratt, Mrs. G. Robinson and 2 children, Mrs. A. Smith, G. Oester, F. Usher, W. Preston, F. Gibney, G. B. Hancock, J. A. Blethen, N. Kearns, J. P. Davies.

NOVA SCOTIA.—A memorial to the Local Government to make Garvie Hill's antagonist, Attorney-General, was signed by 17 members out of a House of 35. It was understood that Garvie would not venture to oppose Hill at the next election. Indeed, it is stated that he has informed the present government of his determination not to work any longer in union with them. On the 20th a fire broke out in the upper story of Burton's range of stone buildings, corner of Granville and George streets, Halifax. It was feared at one time that the entire block would be destroyed, but the fire was finally got under. Loss very large; partially covered by insurance.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—A grand ball and supper were given at St. John by the St. Andrew's Society, on the 22nd, in honor of the marriage of Princess Louise with the Marquis of Lorne. The attendance was large and the occasion was a splendid success. In the course of the evening the following message was telegraphed to the Marquis:—"Saint Andrew's Society present congratulations, and celebrate nuptials by a grand ball to-night."

CARIBOO.—Barnard's Express brings us Cariboo news to the last inst. We glean the following from the *Sentinel*. The principal wash-ups for the week ending last inst. were: Romance, Williams creek, 58 oz.; White Pine, on Conklin, 38 oz.; Brown, on Lowhee, 48 oz. For week ending 25th March: Forest Rose, on William, 93 oz.; Ballarat, 63 oz.; Romance, 41 oz.; Pinkerton, 25 oz.; White Pine, on Conklin, 30 oz.; Brown, on Lowhee, 50 oz.; Lightning, on Lightning, 144 oz., including a 30-oz nugget; Spruce, 96 oz., and half of subsequent week, 61 oz. Times were getting lively at Quesnelmouth on account of the Omicene trade. There were quite a fleet of boats of various styles and sizes ready for a start up. There was a very successful theatrical performance in aid of Florence Wilson. The Dramatic Association held a meeting on the 22nd inst., at which Mr. Hough was re-elected Manager, Mr. Marshall Secretary, and Messrs Hough, Marshall and Thompson Managing Committee. Messrs Pearson, Bowron and McKay were elected as Casting Committee. Complimentary addresses were passed to Messrs McE. Smith and M. G. Staples, on their retirement from the Association. Mr. M. G. Morris, from the San Francisco branch of the Bank of British North America has taken charge of the Barkerville branch, Mr. Staples going to Victoria to take charge of the Assay department in connection with the Bank.

NEW WESTMINSTER.—At a Vestry Meeting held in Holy Trinity Church, on Monday, James Ellard, Esq., was elected a Church-Warden, vice the Hon. A. T. Bushby, removed to Yale. The steamer Hope is now making regular bi-weekly trips to Yale. The people of New Westminster had received a reply from Dr. Jones, stating that his engagements at Nanaimo prevented acceptance of their kind and flattering invitation. This result has caused very general regret, as Dr. Jones is very popular there, and the people were most anxious for his return. Capt. Irving is breaking up the faithful old steamer Reliance. Her machinery will probably be sold. A meeting of the subscribers to the Royal Columbian Hospital was held on Thursday of last week, for the purpose of electing officers. The following was the result: W. J. Armstrong, President; R. Dickinson, Vice-President; H. V. Elmonds, Secretary; Messrs E. Brown and H. McRoberts, members of Board; and the Hon. A. T. Bushby and F. G. Claudet, Esq., were chosen to represent the Government. Mrs. Masters died on the 11th inst.

THE PENSION EXPEDITION.—Referring to the expedition of the Rev. Morley Puncheon to this coast, the *Toronto Globe* says: "In view of the great public interest that attaches to all the movements of Mr. Puncheon, and the anxiety of his thousands of friends and admirers, in Canada and in England to hear all about his long promised expedition to the Pacific, and the impressions produced on his mind by the strange scenes of the Pacific world—we hasten to secure for the columns of the *Globe* an authoritative narration of the expedition."

MR. PUNCHON AT PLATT'S HALL.—Mr. McLean, of the Scotch House, heard the lectures delivered at Platt's Hall, San Francisco, by the Rev. Dr. Puncheon, and he pronounced that distinguished divine to be an orator of the highest order, even surpassing the fame he has acquired. There were estimated to be about three thousand people present, the Hall being densely crowded to the door and several hundreds outside unable to gain ingress, although holding tickets of admission.

PERSONAL.—Amongst the passengers by the steamer Pacific on Tuesday was Alexander McLean, Esq., of the Scotch House, Port Street. Mr. McLean has visited the chief commercial and manufacturing cities of England and Scotland, and returns to this his adopted home in excellent health and spirits, and will be immediately followed by a splendid lot of goods.

MR. SIR ALEXANDER L.—The Ottawa correspondent of the *Toronto Telegraph*, under date of March 23rd, says: "It is generally understood that Sir A. T. Galt has for some time been engaged in preparing an elaborate speech, to be delivered in opposition to the terms of the union with British Columbia, the debate on which is expected to come on to-morrow."

OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENT. who fled from the capital before the siege commenced, has returned and sends us a batch of three letters under dates of February 25th, March 4th and March 11th. They furnish the most interesting and graphic account of the appearance of the great city after its 'baptism of fire' that we have yet seen, and will appear in due course.

EX-MAYOR LUMLEY FRANKLIN will be one of the passengers by the Pacific for San Francisco to-day. He will be absent a few weeks; but has left his business affairs in competent and respectable hands. We wish our friend a pleasant journey and a safe return.

NAVAL.—At latest dates H. M. Ship Obaniche was still at Callao, and the flagship Zealous was expected to be at Payta about the 16th of March on her way to Vancouver Island. It was probable, though not certain, that she would look in at Panama.

RELEASED.—The Canadian vessel seized by the American authorities at St. Clair Flats last summer, for trading in a canal which the Americans were kind enough to build for Canada, has been released.

THE BRITISH RESIDENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO celebrated the marriage of the Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne with a grand ball and supper. Among the guests was Lady Avonmore (Mrs. Yelverton).

MASQUERADE PARTY.—A private masquerade party (the first in the colony) was given last night at the residence of a gentleman on Fort street, at which a large number of ladies and gentlemen attended.

PRESIDENT GRANT, Vice President Colfax and the Joint High Commission are coming to California soon. They have been invited to extend their trip to this place.

DISCHARGED.—Cabel, the Cowichan Indian charged with violating the game law, pleaded ignorance and was discharged by the Police Magistrate yesterday.

TO-MORROW.—The sailing of the Otter for the Skeena has been postponed until to-morrow. There were 45 passengers booked last evening.

THE HON. J. S. MACDONALD, Premier of Ontario had been dangerously ill at Cornwall; but was recovering, according to latest accounts.

THE CHICAGO DELEGATES dined with Lord Lisgar on the 25th inst and left for home by the 10 o'clock train the same evening.

REV. W. M. PUNCHON is expected to return from Nanaimo this evening, and will lunch at Government House on Friday.

A FAMILY of fourteen persons [Americans] passed up on the Enterprise on Tuesday to settle on the Lower Fraser.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS.—It is thought the elections in the Province of Quebec will be held in June.

ABOUT \$40,000 worth of goods have been saved from the wreck of the steamship Crusader.

SKINS.—Twenty tons of deer-skins will be shipped on the Pacific for California.

DEW.—A single case of drunkenness was before the Police Court yesterday.

By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Europe.

LONDON, April 10.—In the speech of Favre in the Assembly, he said all the Powers sympathized with Versailles as the only legitimate Government. He declined the overtures of the Commune, which, he said, will shortly succumb.

Their says in a circular that the Paris status is unaltered. The insurgents have returned to Asnières. Our troops have fortified Neuilly bridge.

An insurrection at Toulouse has been suppressed.

The disarmament at Versailles continues. Versailles, April 10.—Yesterday sorties from Vanvres and D'Issy were repulsed.

LONDON, April 11.—Loss of National on Saturday and Sunday was 225 killed and 320 wounded. It is thought the main attack of the Versailles army on the city will be made in the direction of Montrouge and Verneuil.

A member of the Commune has been killed at the outposts.

Theirs has offered safe conduct to any delegates from the party of conciliation who may be permitted to leave Paris.

The cannonade slackened to-day.

Barriade-building in the Champs Elysees and Place de Concorde is progressing by the Committee's orders.

Ironclad flotilla in the Seine is eight, and an attack is imminent.

BRUSSELS, April 11.—The *Independence Belge* says Favre goes to Berlin to accelerate the conclusion of peace and reassure Bismarck of the speedy restoration of order in Paris.

LONDON, April 11.—The Nationals were attacked at Asnières and claim a victory.

The supplementary elections for the Commune have been adjourned.

The strength of the army of Paris is one hundred thousand.

Torpedoes have been placed in the Avenue de Grand Army.

The *Siege and Temps* have been suppressed.

PARIS, April 11.—The breach at Porte Maillot is practicable and an assault upon it is expected to-morrow. The Commune are barricading every street and have more than 200,000 desperate men under their command. The work of carrying the barricades will be fearfully bloody.

Your correspondent to-day interviewed the Central Committee. They confess disappointment and disgust at the work of the Commune. They say "Their conduct will alienate the French and array the whole world against us. We must resume the power which we have entrusted to the Commune. They are incapable of forming or directing military operations. We who created this body, and who have been the victims of their mismanagement, are now left to annihilate Versailles or be annihilated. Unless we overthrow Versailles we and the Republic are forever lost."

Commune authorities have redoubled their precautions in regard to the departure of persons from the city without a passport.

Doubrowski reports the complete occupation of Asnières by the Nationals and the suspension of operations of the French and German railways.

Affairs at Porte Maillot have improved for the Nationals who repaired the breaches during the night and have also erected additional batteries and other works strengthening the defence against the Germans.

HAVRE, London, April 11.—Midnight—the cannonade and military firing were renewed this morning at Reilly, Fort Maillot and in the Bois de Boulogne. The Nationals are going to Versailles to propose conciliatory measures. They are instructed to insist on the maintenance of the Republic and to demand that the National Assembly shall guard Paris, and should their rejection of these demands introduce a state of civil war, the Government has to propose.

BERLIN, April 12.—The Prussian *Cosmos* Gazette says the British Government is endeavoring to persuade Germany to intervene in the restoration of order in Paris. The total number of French soldiers sent home from Switzerland is 84,034.

LONDON, April 11.—Versailles troops are completely masters of Neuilly and demand 1,000,000 francs or they will kill the archbishop of Paris.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—In the Senate the general amnesty bill passed yesterday by the House was received and read. The bill is referred to the Committee on the Finance Committee, but Mr. Tilden objected in order that the measures for repealing coin and salt duties might remain before the Senate as to be acted upon whenever opportunity was presented.

The House has introduced a bill supplementary to the Act to prevent cattle traffic, which was referred to Committee on foreign affairs. The bill provides that no United States consular or consular agents shall deliver to any subject of China, Japan or any oriental country certificates of voluntary immigration now required by law, if there be a contract on part of such consuls for service in the United States for a period of three months. A bill introduced a bill to provide for the adjustment and relief

of French emigration claims prior to 31st July 1901. The House resumed consideration of the Senate amendment to deficiency bill. The Senate is discussing the Klux Klux bill, Salsbury has the floor.

Wyoming Territory.

CHEYENNE, April 11.—The heaviest snowstorm of the season occurred yesterday. The passenger train on the U. P. railroad going east was detained 16 hours, and the westward bound train, due to-day, is not expected to get here till midnight.

Vice-President Colfax and **John A. Scott**, General Superintendent of the U. P. railroad, are now in Denver and will probably pass through this place to-morrow en route to California.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Father Foley is giving his farewell lecture in Platt's Hall to-night. His visit to California has been a complete success financially, despite the untimely death of his wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Salad—Bark Forest Queen, Port Ludlow bark Bronte and brig Perpetual, Unslaidy "Four—Unslaidy."

Wheat—Farm at \$2 65. Distillers have bought a lot of 300 tons at \$2 75.

Barley—Brewing firm at \$1 75.

Oats—Further advanced to \$1 80 at 95, with \$2 asked in some cases.

(BY MAINLAND TELEGRAPH.)

British Columbia.

FORD, CREEK, April 8.—The weather has been very pleasant during the past two weeks. Mining operations are interrupted. McNair, at Williams Lake, has all his cereals in. A. S. Sales, at Sugar Cane Ranch, is well advanced. P. O. Dunlop will get through in a few days.

The wagon road to Alexandria is in excellent order. The mail boat of G. B. Wright's steamer had steam up on the old boat which worked very satisfactorily. Both boats would be launched in a few days. They intend to take the Enterprise through the canyon above Quesnel as soon as the ice is launched.

Crossing on the ice at Alexandria is considered dangerous. In all probability a few warm days will clear and open up the river, there being but little ice thrown up on the banks.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Europe.

LONDON, April 4.—In the House of Commons this evening, Seely, member for Lincoln, gave notice that on the 2d of May he should move for a reduction of the transatlantic postage to one penny, (two cents.)

Vicecount Enfield, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question, said the Government was informed as to the progress of the negotiations. In the Peace Conference at Brussels, but declined to give any information on the subject. After a brief debate upon matters, the House adjourned for the Easter Holidays until the 19th inst.

LONDON, March 31.—The House of Lords, after receiving the Chancellor's bill to unseat bankrupt Peers, adjourned until April 20th.

In the House of Commons, Knatchbull-Hugessen gave notice that the Government were preparing a bill providing for the consolidation of the British Islands in the West Indies.

Gladstone announced that the House would on Tuesday next adjourn over for the Easter holidays.

Cochrane (Conservative) moved that in the opinion the House, her Majesty's Government in view of the existing state of tranquillity in Europe, should urge Prussia to modify the terms of peace required from France. He said that the indemnity exacted for the expenses of the war was equal in amount to one-sixth of the entire capital of France. He added that by her lack of sympathy with France, England had lost a firm ally, without gaining another.

Peter Hoare (Conservative) seconded the motion, saying that the payment of the indemnity to Germany imposed an additional burden of a million yearly in French revenues.

Gladstone replied that England's conduct was applauded by all Europe. France was in the wrong as regards the immediate cause of the war, and Germany was right, though the latter was not free from blame. England had applauded the efforts made for German unity. He regretted the revolution concerning the so-called Bonaparte treaty, and defended Lord Granville's policy of neutrality and his course in securing the neutrality of other powers. He believed that through the efforts of the noble Lord, Prussia had moderated her terms. He urged the inopportunities of the motion and it was withdrawn without further debate.

LONDON, March 20.—Ex-Emperor Napoleon visited Queen Victoria at Windsor yesterday. The reception accorded him was of the most cordial and friendly nature. He remained for a short period in conversation with the Queen, after which he took his departure. The officials and dignitaries present treated the Ex-Emperor with the greatest respect, and his appearance in the Castle grounds was the signal for much enthusiasm from visitors and others.

PARIS, March 30.—The city is increasing in sadness. There have been 160,000 departures in ten days. Chaplains are ordered to cease mass in the prisons. The Commune have searched the insurance offices for Eugenie's deposits.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 31.—The Czar has conferred upon Prince Gortzchakoff and his heirs the Cross of the Legion of Honor, as a mark of his satisfaction at the settlement by the Prince of the Ruxine question with honor to Russia. Gortzchakoff also received the title of Serene Highness, Baron Von Brunnow, minister or England, receives the rank of Count, and General Ignatieff, Minister of Turkey, he order of St. Alexander Nevskoi.

European Mail summary.

A vessel arrived at Cape Town on Jan 21st from Zanzibar, but brought no intelligence of Dr Livingston, from whom Dr Kirk had not heard, as had been reported. A statement is published that her Majesty has been vaccinated, and wishes the fact to be generally known. The *Gazette* says that two celebrated English surgeons, Drs Wyatt and Gordon who, after having brought gifts from their country for the French sick and wounded, remained in Paris, where they shared the privations and dangers of the siege, have been named Officers of the Legion of Honor. Dr Wyatt has prepared a valuable account of the treatment of wounds and sickness in the hospitals. Mr Childers, finding that his health is not sufficiently restored to enable him to resume his duties, has resigned the office of First Lord of the Admiralty. His successor will be Mr Goschen. Mr Stansfield will become President of the Poor Law Board, and Mr Baxter Secretary to the Treasury. The Prince of Wales was on a visit to Mr Chaplin, M. P., at his seat near Lincoln, and has attended the steeplechases held in the neighborhood. Mr Stansfield, having accepted the office of President of the Poor Law Board, has sought re-election at Halifax, and no opposition is anticipated. Lord Redesdale is recovering from his recent accident. A woman at Galashiels killed her two children and attempted her own life through shame of being accused of theft. A German bank is about to be opened in London with a capital of two millions. The prospects of a Russian loan of twelve millions have been just issued by Rothschild. A protest was signed by many of the stockbrokers against the introduction of the loan, pending the sittings of the Conference. The London School Board after a very long debate has decided by a very large majority that the Bible shall be read and explained in schools within their jurisdiction. Lord Hastings is dead, in his 49th year. His title is assumed by the Hon and Rev D. A. Austley. The election at Stalybridge resulted in the

return of Mr Buckley, the Liberal candidate. The grain of a seat to the Liberal party was, however, counterbalanced by the return, at Hereford, of Major Arbuthnot, the Conservative candidate. It may be noted that since the present Parliament assembled in December, 1868, there have been 99 elections in the United Kingdom, and of these 61 were in boroughs. Liberals have been returned in 40 cases and Conservatives in 11. Miss Temple, the sister of the Bishop of Exeter, has been elected a member of the School Board for the parish of St Thomas, Exeter. The Board consists of five members. At the Central Criminal Court Martha Tarpy was acquitted on the charges of stealing and assault upon which she had been committed in connection with the great robbery of jewels belonging to Messrs London & Ryder. The jury found that she had acted under the coercion of her husband in the affair, and was therefore not legally answerable. The verdict was applauded. The Irish Judges of Assize have in their charges spoken favorably of the state of the northern counties, but in Tipperary Mr Justice Morris referred to the lawlessness existing in some districts, which had necessitated a very large increase in the police force. The coroner's jury in the case of Mr Stewart, a farmer lately murdered near Euterkenry, in Donegal, could not agree upon a verdict. Two gentlemen, one a resident magistrate living near Nenagh, were fired at while sitting in their dining room, but were not injured. The assailants escaped. In a criminal prosecution for assault by Captain Poynter against Mr Porter the jury, as in the civil action, were unable to agree and were discharged without a verdict. The Duke of Devonshire has contributed £1000 to the Irish Church Sustentation Fund. A man named Beatty has been convicted of an attempt to shoot Captain Elliott, an Essex magistrate, and sentenced to five years penal servitude. The Glatton, an iron-clad vessel, of the American monitor form, but with various improvements, was launched at Chatham dockyard on Monday. Mr Louis Doxat, who was for nearly 50 years editor of the London weekly journal the *Observer*, died on Saturday last, aged 98. Mr Hardiment who was convicted last year of bribery at the Norwich election, having completed his term of 12 months imprisonment, was welcomed home by a large crowd of persons, with bands and banners.

\$100,000 a Year?

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Your leading article in the *Colonist* of the 26th on the subject of saving this large sum wasted annually for want of a suitable sleigh and cattle road to the interior, is full of useful information, but it contains a suggestion to which I object. You say—"It is, therefore, to the construction of a road between Yale and New Westminster that we must look for an outlet for the stock of the interior." In reply, permit me to say the country is not explored and we must look to the evidence that may be supplied by exploring before we decide which is the best route.

A suitable road to a good harbor on the coast, or to a navigable river in the interior, would save that \$100,000 a year, and from thence steam boats plying weekly to New Westminster and Victoria. The steam boat is, for all cattle, the best and cheapest road to market. How it is that cattle of this description are not sent from Yale to supply our city markets? Because it is impossible to get them in good condition over "the road in the wilderness." Cattle owners, and clear headed agriculturists say "Producing the Yale road to New Westminster would be merely adding one hundred miles to our misfortunes." I believe it is a fact.

The great object of those who direct the making of roads in a new country ought to be to pop them through the districts best suited for agriculture and pastoral purposes. Roads in such localities represent capital invested. Roads through the wilderness mean additional taxation. The Yale Road is one of this description. The designers of that road were compelled to proceed with the work, and without evidence. Provisions were wanted in the mines, the country was not explored; but there was the Fraser the waters came down, the engineers wisely decided that it was possible to make a road upwards by the river, and the road was made, and an excellent road it is for a pack train or for mule or ox teams, but it never can be used as a road for fat cattle on their way to market. On either side of the river for 80 miles upwards from Yale, there are not fifty acres of land available for agricultural or pastoral purposes.

I happen to know something of maps, and I believe there is no map in this Colony that a sensible man would take as a guide in directing the line of a sleigh and cattle road to the interior. Remembering that the surface of the country is a sea of mountains and that large fertile valleys are scarce, you will admit that a hundred miles round may be the cheapest, best and shortest way to market.

It may be an error to say the route from Burrard Inlet through the Pemberton Meadows to Lillooet is the best; but it is not an error to say what I do know to be the truth regarding that particular district. At the head of the Inlet there is a large and beautiful valley known as the Pitt Meadows. It contains thousands of acres of the richest alluvial soil, and no timber. It is wet and requires drainage. Further on we have the Pemberton Meadows—another magnificent valley—in fact a sea of waving grass, on a soil equally rich but perfectly dry and ready for the plough. Here we have thousands of acres too, worth all the land in the Upper Country for agricultural purposes; but without a sleigh road to the coast it remains a wilderness. The wealth of the soil and the mild climate in these two beautiful valleys will yet attract capital and common sense to develop their vast resources. On the route there is no obstruction but that to which you refer. The portion of it by the lakes requires a large expenditure, but the other parts, through an open country, would cost very little. The entire cost not more than \$10,000.

I hope you will again direct the attention of His Excellency Governor Musgrave to the fact that the Colony is losing \$100,000 a year for want of a road. Good maps of the Colony on a large scale are required, but explorers should decide at once which is the best route for a sleigh and cattle road to the interior. We cannot afford to lose \$100,000 a year, and the sooner it is saved the better.

G.A.K.
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